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RE: Confidential Task Force Report

Dear Ms. Brown, Messrs. Barry-Austin, Velazques and Williams:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I received from Chief Justice Robert N. Wilentz in response to our letter of September 28, 1985.

Please set down the morning of October 24, 1985 as a meeting date with the Chief Justice at his office (9:00 a.m. - 12 noon) which is located at 313 State Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey. I would suggest we plan to meet on October 22, 1985 at 6:00 p.m. in my office, Gateway One, Suite 100, Newark, New Jersey, to prepare our agenda.

Thank you for your kind consideration. If there are any questions, please call.

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ROBERT T. PICKETT

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Enclosure

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Dear Ms. Brown, Messrs. Barry-Austin, Pickett, Velazquez and Williams:

On behalf of the Chief Justice, this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 26, which was received in the Chief Justice's chambers in Perth Amboy on October 1. The Chief Justice welcomes your interest in this matter, and deeply regrets that you had not been asked to become involved long before now. He asks that I specifically convey his hope that the failures of the past will not be allowed to interfere in any way with the important mission of this project.

The Chief Justice is anxious to meet with you but unfortunately is unable to until October 24 at the earliest. If possible would you please tentatively set aside the morning of the 24th for such a meeting, probably at the Chief's chambers in Perth Amboy. I say "tentatively" because the Chief has indicated that he may want others to attend the meeting and, if he does, it may necessitate a change in either the time or place of the meeting.

Sincerely,

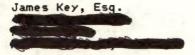
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October 14,1985



Re: Report on Bias and Prejudice in the Court System/Response of Coalition of Minority Bar Organization of this Court

Dear Jim:

In accordance with our conversation, please find enclosed copy of the letter sent to the Coalition members regarding our prospective meeting with the Chief Justice on October 24, 1985. In addition, please find enclosed a copy of the initial Report and other pertinent materials for your review and consideration.

Please note October 22, 1985 as a date for our agenda meeting.

Thank you for your kind consideration. If there are any questions, please call.

Very truly yours

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